GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR&RD Department – Allegations of irregularities in execution of CC road and drain at Gollakotivaripalem (V) of Kothapeta(M) in erstwhile East Godavari District -Disciplinary proceedings against Sri S. Tajuddin, the then Dy.EE, PRI SD, Kothapeta (M) (Retired on 31.05.2021) under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Article of Charges – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.602 **Dated: 11.09.2023.**
Read the following :-

1. Vigilance Report No:48 (C.No.311/V&E/E/2019-1) Date:28-11-2022
2. G.O.Ms.No-76, PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, Dt. 11.10.2023

ORDER:-

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 9 of the Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for instituting departmental proceedings against Sri S. Tajuddin, the then Dy.EE, PRI SD, Kothapeta(Retired on:31.05.2021) vide reference 2nd read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri S. Tajuddin, the then Dy.EE, PRI SD, Kothapeta(Retired on 31.05.2021) in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services [Classifcation, Control and Appeal], 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or mis-behavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of the article of charge is enclosed [Annexure-II]. A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed [Annexure III & IV]. Copies of documents are furnished herewith.

3. Sri S. Tajuddhin, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI SD, Kothapeta (M) (now retired) is directed to submit written statement of defence within (10) days of the receipt of this order.

4. Sri S. Tajuddhin, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRISD, Kothapeta (M) (now retired) is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge, which are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri S. Tajuddhin, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRISD, Kothapeta (M) (Retired) is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in Para-3 above, or does not appear in person before the inquiring authority or other wise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of the A.P.C.S. [CC&A] Rules, 1991, or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the inquiring authority may hold the inquiry against him exparte.

6. The receipt of this G.O. may beacknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:-
Sri S. Tajuddhin, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRISD, Kothapeta (now retired). **through**the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada, (with a request to serve the same on the C.O. and furnish the acknowledgment copy]

(P.T.O)

Copy to:-

The Secretary to VC, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, A.P., Velagapudi
The OSD to Hon'ble Dy. C.M for PR&RD,
The PS to Spl. Chief Secretary to Govt,. PR&RD. Dept.,
The PR&RD (Estt.I) Department.,
SF/SC.

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ANNEXURE –I

STATEMENT SHOWING THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI S.TAJUDDIN, THE THEN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI SUB-DIVISION, KOTHAPETA (M) (RETIRED ON 31.5.2021.)

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Article of charge:

That Sri S. Tajuddin, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Kothapeta (M) (retired on 31.5.2021) has checkmeasured and allowed the substandard quality of concrete work of CC road & drain at Gollakotivaripalem (V) of Kothapeta (M) in erstwhile East Godavari District, thereby misusing the Government funds and resulting in loss caused to the Government exchequer.

By his above mentioned act, Sri S.Tajuddin, the then Dy.E.E., PRI Sub-Division, Kothapeta (M) (retired on 31.5.2021) has failed to discharge his duties, exhibited lack of devotion to duty, lack of integrity and behaving in a manner unbecoming of a Government servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) and 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI S.TAJUDDIN, THE THEN DY.EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI SUB DIVISION, KOTHAPETA (M)(RETIRED ON31.5.2021)

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Basis:

In the Vigilance Report No.48(C.No.311/V&E/E/2019-1), dt:28.11.2022 of the Director General, G.A.(V&E) Dept. has informed that the Vigilance and Enforcement Department Officials enquired into the allegations of irregularities in execution of CC road & drain at Gollakotivaripalem (V) of Kothapeta (M) in erstwhile East Godavari District based on the petition received from Sri Bandaru Srinivasa Rao, S/o Sri Suryanarayana, Gollakotivaripalem (V) and reported as follows:

The V&E Inspected the Road-cum-drain work in Gollakotivaripalem Village of Modekurru GP on 18.04.2019 in the presence of field officers and representative of the contractors:

The work mainly consists of the following:-

i. VCC M-20 grade for CC road using20MSA
ii. VCC M-15 grade for drain using 20MSA (Copy of estimate enclosed asAnnexure-A6)

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By the time of V&E Inspection, CC road for a length of 209.00m with a width of 4.20m and thickness of 0.17m was recorded in M.Book under MGNREGS. The remaining length of 92.80 m (301.80m-209.00m) of CC road was also executed under SDF, CC drain for a length of 79.30m was completed and the same was recorded in M.Book under MGNREGS. As of now, no bill was preferred and no payment was made to the agency till date.

Physical measurements of CC drains were verified and found to have fairly tallied with recorded measurement in M.Book. The Mandal Engineering Officer recorded the measurements pertaining to MGNREGS and the concerned Dy.E.E., check-measured as per rules in vogue.

The Departmental QC Officials did not inspect the work and QC certificate was not issued.

As per clause 17.4.3 of IS 456:2000, concrete in the member represented by a core test shall be considered acceptable if the average equivalent cube strength of the cores is equal to at least 85 percent of the cube strength of the grade of concrete specified for the corresponding age and no individual core has a strength less than 75percent.

Sl. No.	Gradeof concrete	Permissible equivalent cube compressive strength limits	
		Individual strength (N/mm^2)	Average strength (N/mm^2)
1	M20	15.00	17.00
2	M15	11.25	12.75

Concrete cores were extracted from hardened concrete of CC road and drain and test by engaging 3rd party agency viz. M/s KDM Engineers (India) Private Ltd., NABL accredited Laboratory, Visakhapatnam and tested in the presence of fieldofficers.

The test results were as follows:

Sl. No.	Core Id	Location of the core extracted	Grade of concrete	Compressive strength in N/mm^2		Remarks
				Achieved	Required	
I	**CC Road**					
1	C-1	L/s @ 100m	M20	11.70	15.00	Failed
2	C-2	Centre @ 174m	M20	9.00	15.00	Failed
3	C-3	R/s @ 254m	M20	18.90	15.00	Satisfactory
			Average	13.20	17.00	Failed
II	**C/S CC drain (on top)**					
4	C-4	Left wall @ 15m	M15	15.20	11.25	Satisfactory
5	C-5	Left wall @ 40m	M15	12.70	11.25	Satisfactory
6	C-6	Left wall @ 58m	M15	12.10	11.25	Satisfactory
			Average	13.33	12.75	Satisfactory

The test results revealed that the CC core samples extracted from the C.C. drain wall attained the strength requirement of specified M15 grade of concrete as per IS 456:2000.

The CC core samples extracted from CC road failed to achieve the strength requirement of specified M20 grade of concrete as per IS 456:2000. Hence, the CC road work was found to be liable for rejection and the value of rejection was arrived at Rs.10,89,262/-.

The entire CC road of 301.80m length should be re-laid at the cost and risk of the agency or an amount of Rs.10,89,262/- is proposed to be recovered from the agency (in case any payment is to be made to the agency) towards cost of the rejected work.

The V&E Dept., has not accepted the version of the officers and concluded that the allegations made by the petitioner that substandard quality road work was executed in Gollakotivaripalem (V) Modekurru GP of Kothapeta (M) was substantiated as the CC core samples extracted from the concrete road failed to attain the strength requirements of the specified M20 grade of concrete as per IS 456:2000.

Thus, Sri S. Tajuddin, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Kothapeta has failed to discharge his duties, exhibited lack of devotion to duty, lack of integrity and behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Government servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) and 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964 and failed to follow the departmental procedure and resulting in loss caused to the Government exchequer.

Hence, the charge.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI S.TAJUDDIN, THE THEN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI SUB-DIVISION, KOTHAPETA (RETIRED ON 31.5.2021) ARE PROPOSED TO BESUSTAINED

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI S.TAJUDDIN, THE THEN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI SUB-DIVISION, KOTHAPETA (RETIRED ON 31.5.2021)ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

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